

Dear Provider,

This has been a tough year for so many Coloradans – for all of us. But it has also been an inspiring year, and you have been part of that inspiration. I want to thank you for helping us serve Coloradans when they need us most, during this economic downturn and global pandemic.

We so greatly appreciate your collaboration with us to navigate many challenges and uncharted waters to protect and care for those we serve. And we are grateful for your continued efforts to make behavior choices that positively affect and protect the health and safety of our members, Colorado families, our communities and our health care workers. *Thank you.* Truly.

With the vaccine arriving in Colorado last week, and health care workers already getting inoculated, there is so much hope on the horizon for a better tomorrow. I invite you to let that hope fill you with the strength to stay resilient for the next several months until we all get the vaccine. Please continue to wear your mask, social distance and celebrate the holidays with your household or small pod, and virtually with other family and friends.

I invite you to <u>share this message</u> via the link or attachment from me or edit the respective attachment on your own letterhead to share with your audiences. It's especially important heading into the holiday season and New Year that we thank people for their sacrifices, ask them to stay vigilant and encourage hope as the vaccine rolls out.

I also want to wish you a happy holiday season. Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas, Happy Kwanzaa, Happy New Year. However you choose to celebrate, we celebrate right along with you.

From our house to yours, best wishes for a safe and happy holiday season and best wishes for a healthy and hope-filled 2021. We are excited to work alongside you to serve our members in the new year.

Please continue to check back with us for more information on the COVID-19 web page.

Thank you,

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